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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : CARLIN et al. Confirmation No: 7758
Appl. No. : 09/700,712
Filed : November 13, 2001
Title : Method of producing *thy* a-strains of *vibrio*
Cholerae, such strains and their use
TC/A.U. : 1645
Examiner : S. Devi

Docket No.: : CARL3004/JDB
Customer No: : 23364

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response to the outstanding official action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) for TWO (2) months to June 24, 2004.

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) for a two month extension of time is \$420.00 and a check in this amount is submitted herewith. Please charge any additional fee required for this extension to Deposit Account No. 02-0200. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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